

Public Law 290

CHAPTER 2

January 30, 1954
[H. R. 6665]

AN ACT

To amend certain provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended.

63 Stat. 670.
7 USC 1344.

Cotton acreage
allotments, 1954.
Increases; ap-
portionments.

Limitations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 344 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

“(m) Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

“(1) The national acreage allotment established under subsection (a) of this section for the 1954 crop of cotton shall be increased to twenty-one million acres and apportioned to the States in the same manner in which the national acreage allotment heretofore established for 1954 was apportioned to the States. In addition to such increased national acreage allotment, and in order to provide equitable adjustments in 1954 farm acreage allotments, (A) three hundred and fifteen thousand additional acres shall be prorated as follows: one-half to the States of Arizona, California, and New Mexico, and one-half to the other States (excluding those which received a minimum allotment under subsection (k) of this section), the proration of each half being made to the States participating therein on the basis of their respective shares of the increased national acreage allotment, and (B) such additional acreage shall be added as may be required to provide each State a total allotment under subsection (b) of this section and the provisions of this paragraph of not less than 66 per centum of the acreage planted to cotton in the State in 1952. The additional acreage made available to States under clause (B) of the preceding sentence shall not be taken into account in establishing future State acreage allotments. The additional acreage made available to States under the provisions of this paragraph (1) shall be apportioned to counties on the basis of their respective shares of the State acreage allotment heretofore apportioned pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, and the additional acreage shall be apportioned to farms pursuant to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section: *Provided*, That, if the county committee determines that such action will result in a more equitable distribution of the additional county allotment among farms in the county, the additional acreage shall be apportioned by the county committee to farms so as to provide each farm with an allotment equal to the larger of 65 per centum of the average acreage planted to cotton on the farm in 1951, 1952, and 1953 (as determined by the county committee in establishing allotments under subsection (f) of this section) or 40 per centum of the highest acreage planted to cotton on the farm in any one of such three years as so determined: *Provided*, That the State committee in each State shall limit such increase based on the system of farming, soil, crop-rotation practices, and other physical factors affecting production in such State, to an acreage not in excess of 50 per centum of the cropland on the farm, as determined under regulations heretofore prescribed by the Secretary. If the additional acreage is insufficient to meet the total of the farm increases so computed, such farm increases shall be reduced pro rata to the additional acreage available to the county; if the additional acreage available to the county is in excess of the total of the farm increases so computed the acreage remaining after making such increases shall be allotted to farms pursuant to the provisions of subsection (f) (3). Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, if the State committee determines that such action will result in a more equitable distribution of the additional acreage made available to the State under this paragraph (1) it shall apportion such additional allotment directly

to farms so as to provide each farm with an allotment equal to the larger of 65 per centum of the average acreage planted to cotton on the farm in 1951, 1952, and 1953 (as determined by the county committee in establishing allotments under subsection (f) of this section) or 40 per centum of the highest acreage planted to cotton on the farm in any one of such three years as so determined: *Provided*, That the State committee in each State shall limit such increase based on the system of farming, soil, crop-rotation practices, and other physical factors affecting production in such State, to an acreage not in excess of 50 per centum of the cropland on the farm, as determined under regulations heretofore prescribed by the Secretary: *Provided*, That if the State total of the farm increases so computed exceeds the additional acreage made available to the State under this paragraph, such farm increases shall be reduced pro rata to the additional acreage available to the State. Any acreage unallotted to farms because of the limitations contained in the preceding sentence shall be apportioned by the State committee to counties on the basis of past acreages planted to cotton and shall be used by county committees for adjustments in farm allotments on the basis of one or more of the following: The past acreage of cotton on the farm, the percentage of cropland heretofore determined under subsection (f) (2) of this section, and the factors enumerated in subsection (f) (3) of this section. Before apportioning such unallotted acreage to counties as provided in the foregoing sentence, the State committee may, if it determines that such action is required to provide equitable allotments within the State, apportion such unallotted acreage directly to farms to the extent required to provide each farm with the minimum allotment described in subsection (f) (1) of this section. Any part of the county allotment heretofore established for the 1954 crop which was not apportioned to farms because of the limitation contained in the proviso in subsection (f) (2) of this section shall be available to the State committee and used as provided above for apportionment of unallotted acreage to farms. The provisions of this subsection, except paragraph (2), shall not apply to extra long staple cotton covered by section 347 of this Act.

Unallotted farm
acreage.

“(2) Any part of any 1954 or 1955 farm cotton acreage allotment on which cotton will not be planted and which is voluntarily surrendered to the county committee shall be deducted from the allotment to such farm and may be reapportioned by the county committee to other farms in the same county receiving allotments in amounts determined by the county committee to be fair and reasonable on the basis of past acreage of cotton, land, labor, equipment available for the production of cotton, crop rotation practices, and soil and other physical facilities affecting the production of cotton. If all of the allotted acreage voluntarily surrendered is not needed in the county, the county committee may surrender the excess acreage to the State committee to be used for the same purposes as the State acreage reserve under subsection (e) of this section. Any allotment transferred under this provision shall be regarded for the purposes of subsection (f) of this section as having been planted on the farm from which transferred rather than on the farm to which transferred, except that this shall not operate to make the farm from which the allotment was transferred eligible for an allotment as having cotton planted thereon during the three-year base period: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provisions of law, any part of any 1954 or 1955 farm acreage allotment may be permanently released in writing to the county committee by the owner and operator of the farm, and reapportioned as provided herein. Acreage surrendered, reapportioned under this paragraph, and planted shall be credited to the State and county in determining future acreage

66 Stat. 759.
7 USC 1347.
Reapportionment
of surrendered
acreage.

Extra long staple
cotton.
7 USC 1347.
Reserve acreage.

allotments. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply also to extra long staple cotton covered by section 347 of this Act.

“(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or other provision of law, the acreage allotted to any State for 1954 under the provisions of subsection (b) of this section and the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection which is less than one hundred thousand acres but more than thirty thousand acres shall be increased by an acreage equal to 15 per centum of the acreage allotted to it prior to the enactment of this subsection. Such acreage shall be used by the State committee as a reserve to make equitable adjustments in 1954 farm acreage allotments on the basis of land, labor, equipment available for the production of cotton, crop-rotation practices, past acreages of cotton, soil, and other physical factors affecting the production of cotton.”

7 USC 1344 (h).
Reallocation of
flood lands.

SEC. 2. Section 344 (h) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: “In any county in which a major flood-control reservoir constructed by the United States Government shall have been located wholly or in part, acreage allotments for the production of cotton on the lands within such reservoir, which lands, because of permanent or perennial flooding occasioned by the construction of such reservoir, shall be unfit for further cotton production, may be reallocated, within the discretion of the county committee, to other lands within the county as will in the opinion of said committee best serve the public interest.”

7 USC 1344.
Amendments ef-
fective in 1955.

SEC. 3. Section 344 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, is further amended, effective beginning with the 1955 crop, as follows:

(a) By striking the period at the end of subsection (e) and inserting in lieu thereof a comma and adding “or to correct inequities in farm allotments and to prevent hardship.”

(b) By striking out in subsection (f) (3) the colon before the word “Provided” and inserting in lieu thereof a comma and adding “or in making adjustments in farm acreage allotments to correct inequities and to prevent hardship.”

(c) By adding a new paragraph “6” at the end of subsection (f) to read as follows:

“(6) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, if the county committee recommends such action and the Secretary determines that such action will result in a more equitable distribution of the county allotment among farms in the county, the county acreage allotment, less the acreage reserved under paragraph (3) of this subsection, shall be apportioned to farms on which cotton has been planted in any one of the three years immediately preceding the year for which such allotment is determined, on the basis of the acreage planted to cotton on the farm during such three year period. If the county acreage allotment is apportioned among the farms of the county in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph, the acreage reserved under paragraph (3) of this subsection may be used to make adjustments so as to establish allotments which are fair and reasonable to farms receiving allotments under this paragraph in relation to the factors set forth in paragraph (3).”

7 USC 1334.

SEC. 4. Section 334 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

Wheat.
Requirements for
increases.

“(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, if after investigation the Secretary determines with respect to any class or sub-class of wheat that a substantial difference exists in the usage or marketing outlets therefor and that the supply of such wheat for the 1953-54 and 1954-55 marketing years with respect to the 1954 crop, and for the 1954-55 and 1955-56 marketing years with respect to the

1955 crop, will be substantially short of indicated market demands and carryover requirements for such wheat for such marketing years, the Secretary shall increase the marketing quotas and acreage allotments for such crop of wheat for farms which produced such wheat in one or more of the preceding three years to the extent necessary to make available a supply of such wheat adequate to meet such demands and carryover requirements. The increases in farm marketing quotas and acreage allotments shall be made on the basis of the acreage seeded to such class or sub-class of wheat during the period of years considered in establishing farm marketing quotas and acreage allotments for wheat. The additional acreage required by this subsection shall be in addition to the national acreage allotment, and shall not be used to increase the acreage allotment applicable to other wheat produced on farms for which such additional acreage has been allotted, nor shall such acreage be considered in establishing future State, county, and farm acreage allotments."

SEC. 5. (a) Section 5 of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution relating to cotton and peanut acreage allotments and marketing quotas under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, and to price support for potatoes" (7 U. S. C. 1450), is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following: "Operations with respect to Irish potatoes authorized by section 32 of the Act entitled 'An Act to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act, and for other purposes' (7 U. S. C. 612c), shall not be deemed to be prohibited by this section or, unless marketing quotas are in effect, to be required by section 201 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U. S. C. 1446)."

(b) The parenthetical phrase contained in the sentence preceding the last sentence of section 32 of the Act entitled "An Act to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act, and for other purposes" (7 U. S. C. 612c), is amended to read as follows: "(other than those receiving price support under title II of the Agricultural Act of 1949)".

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Irish potatoes.
Price support.

64 Stat. 42.

49 Stat. 774.

63 Stat. 1052.
Limitation.

63 Stat. 1057.
7 USC 1446.

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CHAPTER 3

AN ACT

To continue the effectiveness of the Missing Persons Act, as extended, until July 1, 1955.

January 30, 1954
[H. R. 7209]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 15, Missing Persons Act (56 Stat. 147, 1093), as amended by subsection 1 (f), Act of April 4, 1953 (Public Law 16, Eighty-third Congress), is amended by deleting the word "February 1, 1954", and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 1955".

Approved January 30, 1954.

67 Stat. 21.
50 USC app. 1015.

Public Law 292

CHAPTER 4

AN ACT

To extend the time for filing claims for the return of property under the Trading With the Enemy Act.

February 9, 1954
[S. 373]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 33 of the Trading With the Enemy Act of October 6, 1917, as amended (50 U. S. C. App. Supp. § 33), is amended by striking out the last portion

62 Stat. 1218.